



June 28, 2013

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Denise Turner Roth, City Manager *SN for*

SUBJECT: Items for Your Information

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- July 2 at 3:00 pm Special Meeting: BNT
- July 11 at 12:00 Council Work Session
- July 15 at 1:30 pm Economic Development Committee Meeting

**Council Follow-Up Items**

• **Heath Park and Indoor Track & Field Facility**

As a follow-up to a request from Councilmember Bellamy-Small at the June 18, 2013 City Council meeting, attached is a memorandum from Parks and Recreation Director Chris Wilson, dated June 27, 2013, regarding the main entrance at Heath Park and the proposed development of the track and field facility.

• **Funding for BNT AD Agency, LLC**

As a follow-up to a request from Councilmember Wilkins at the June 18, 2013 City Council meeting, attached is a memorandum from Budget Director Larry Davis, dated June 27, 2013, providing the funding source for the BNT Ad Agency, LLC, loan.

**National Night Out Block Party**

Attached is a flyer for the National Night Out Kick-Off Block Party, which is being held this Saturday, June 29, 2013 from 9:00 am to 12 noon at the New Police Headquarters.

**Maywood Street KaBoom!**

Attached is a memorandum from Parks and Recreation Director Chris Wilson, dated June 27, 2013, providing an update from the June 21, 2013 KaBoom! playground and community garden build.

**General Assembly Update**

Attached is a memorandum from Associate General Counsel Tom Carruthers, dated June 28, 2013, providing an update on the General Assembly.

**Public Information Request Report**

Attached is the weekly Public Information Request Report for the week of June 28, 2013.

**Contact Center Feedback**

Attached is the weekly report generated by our Contact Center for the week of June 17, 2013 through June 23, 2013.

**Small Group Meetings**

For the week of June 24, 2013 through June 28, 2013, there were no small group meetings between City Staff and [more than two but less than five] Councilmembers.

DTR/mm  
Attachments

cc: Global Media



June 27, 2013

**TO:** Sandy Neerman, Assistant City Manager  
**FROM:** Chris Wilson, Director  
**SUBJECT:** Heath Park and Indoor Track and Field Facility

**Heath Park**

The redevelopment master plan for Heath Park, which was adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission in March 2013, recommends closure of the existing park entrance and construction of a new park entrance further west along Holts Chapel Road as opposed to Franklin Boulevard. During the master planning process, several alternative entry options were considered by the design consultants. However, it was determined during this process that creating an entrance along Franklin Boulevard would not be possible due to transportation and pedestrian safety concerns. The relocated entrance, as recommended by the redevelopment master plan, will be safer and less intrusive to adjacent property owners. In addition, the new park entrance improves visibility into the park, creates better parking opportunities, and provides the space needed to create a more aesthetically pleasing entrance than what currently exists.

**Indoor Track and Field Facility**

Staff contacted Mr. Mittman with A&T University Athletics during the week of June 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the potential for developing an indoor track and field facility in Greensboro and to receive insight on his experience of the needs, benefits, and sustainability for this type of facility. Mr. Mittman indicated that Greensboro has missed a number of event opportunities due to a current limitation of facilities. Through continued dialogue with Mr. Mittman and other interested parties, this information will be gathered and provided as part of the Department's upcoming Comprehensive Master Planning efforts, which are anticipated to begin during FY 13-14. At that time the needs assessment for specialized facilities will be conducted.

CW/em

cc: Sue Schwartz, Planning and Community Development Director  
Adam Fisher, Greensboro Department of Transportation Director  
Ednasha McCray, P&R Planning and Projects Manager



June 27, 2013

**TO:** Jim Westmoreland, Deputy City Manager

**FROM:** Larry Davis, Budget and Evaluation Director

**SUBJECT:** Funding for Loan for BNT Ad Agency LLC

On June 18, 2013, City Council adopted a resolution authorizing a \$300,000 loan to BNT Ad Agency LLC. To fund this loan from the FY 12-13 fiscal year, funds were reallocated from the Field Operations Department to the appropriate economic incentive account within the City Manager's Office/Economic Development Division accounting unit. The savings were generated through a reduction of internal charges for vehicles maintained by Equipment Services and leased to operating departments. The lease reductions were implemented in April 2013.

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cc: Denise Turner Roth, City Manager



# National Night Out Kick-Off Block Party

Date :

Sat., June 29, 2013

Time:

9 am - 12 noon

Location:

320 Federal Place  
(New Police HQ)

**FREE**

Come out and enjoy

- Music & Food
- Games & Activities for Kids
- Dunking Booth
- Drawings for Door Prizes
- Displays & Demonstrations

And don't forget . . .

Register for NNO! The community in each Patrol Division with the most attendance at the Kick-Off Event receives a gift card from TARGET® to go towards their NNO event on August 6!



## Photos from Previous NNO Events



## Sponsors



For more information, call your Community Resource Officer or visit [www.gsopd.org](http://www.gsopd.org) to register for NNO.



27 June 2013

**TO:** Sandy Neerman, Assistant City Manager

**FROM:** Chris Wilson, Director

**SUBJECT:** Maywood Street KaBoom! Playground and Community Garden  
Build

Greensboro's third KaBoom! playground and phase one of a new community garden was constructed at 2009 Maywood Street on Friday, June 21. Over 200 volunteers from across the community participated in this citizen-led project. Developed on a vacant parcel of land acquired by the Planning and Community Development Department (PCD), the new Maywood Street Park is located one block off of Coliseum Boulevard in the Piedmont Heights neighborhood.

KaBoom! is a national non-profit organization which envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America. KaBoom! solicits external funding from individuals and corporations who want to make a difference through constructing playgrounds in communities across the country, pairs the funders with public and non-profit agencies who have applied to be a recipient of a playground, and works collaboratively with receiving agency and other community partners to plan and construct the play area. Other Greensboro sites which have been the recipient of KaBoom! projects in the past include Stonegate Crossing and the Village at Northside Park.

This project would not have been possible without the involvement of numerous community partners and donors. Partners in the community build included Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, the playground project funder; the Glenwood Neighborhood Association; Greensboro Public Libraries, Guilford County Schools; Guilford County Cooperative Extension; Specialized Park Services; Planning and Community Development; the Greensboro Police Department; the Greensboro Fire Department; and KaBoom! playgrounds. We would also like to recognize and thank our many donors who provided food and resources for the build, including The Worx Restaurant, Stamey's Barbeque, Biscuitville, Fresh Market, VF Corporation, Food Lion, Pepsi, Whole Foods, Earth Fare, Harris Teeter, Samet Corporation, Greensboro United Soccer Association and The Association Management Group, Inc.

Also, we would especially like to thank the Greensboro City Council, including Mayor Robbie Perkins and Councilwoman Diane Bellamy-Small who came out to kick off this day of community building by welcoming the many volunteers who came to assist with the project; in

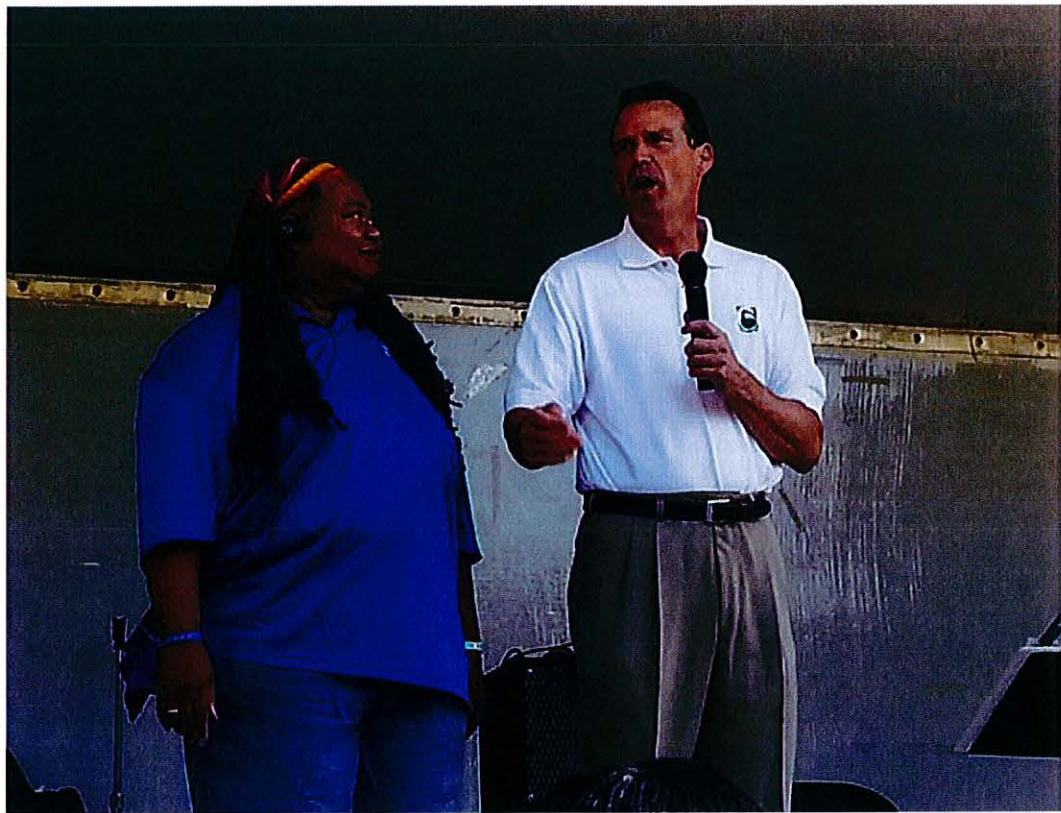
addition to members of the City Manager's office, Cynthia Blue with PCD, Brooks Mullane P&R Environmental Education Supervisor, Cindy Dye Glenwood Librarian and staff who gave their time assisting with this project. This project would not have been possible without the involvement of countless volunteers from Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, the Glenwood community, neighbors from the Maywood Street area and local children who made wonderful "thank you" cards for all of the volunteers.

CW/bm/pf  
Attachment

cc: Sue Schwartz, Planning and Community Development Director  
Cynthia Blue, Senior Planner  
Wade Walcutt, Community Recreation Services Manager  
Phil Fleischmann, Special Programs Superintendent  
Brooks Mullane, Environmental Education Supervisor



Photos from KaBoom! Build Day





June 28, 2013

TO: Denise Turner Roth, City Manager

FROM: Tom Carruthers, Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT: General Assembly Update

The General Assembly has not resolved the apparent impasse preventing the adoption of the budget for the next two years. While budget negotiations continue, both chambers adopted a continuing budget resolution to fund state government after June 30, 2013. SL 2013-184 was signed by Governor McCrory on June 26, 2013. It maintains current state employee salary levels, fully funds education, but essentially funds other government functions at 95% of last year's budget levels. This will allow the state to continue operations until the budget issues are resolved.

#### **Local Legislation**

1. The Greensboro City Council adopted an addition to the Local Legislative Agenda on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The "Dynacom" bill proposes to modify Chapter 18B of the North Carolina General Statutes. These proposed statewide modifications will permit private convention centers, outside of "redevelopment zones", to obtain a liquor license. It is anticipated this will be added to already pending legislation by our local delegation.
2. HB 347, *Greensboro Firemen's Supplemental Retirement System Local Act Amendment*, passed the House on May 2, 2013. The bill was amended in the Senate Committee on Pensions and Retirement to include additional revisions to the City of Greensboro Charter. These revisions are also part of the Local Legislative Agenda and contained in HB524, *MWBE/SBE & Revisions to City Charter Section 5.65 and 5.74*. The amendment was necessary as the Small Business Enterprise language in HB524 has run into opposition, and as a result, it is not expected to pass this session. Moving the Charter amendment language will give the City best chance to pass the needed Charter changes. This legislation was approved by the Senate Insurance Committee, and also passed the Senate on June 26, 2013, HB 347 will return to the House for an anticipated concurring vote.
3. HB 524, *MWBE/SBE & Revisions to City Charter Section 5.65 and 5.74*, is in the Senate, after passing the House, and as noted above, is not expected to pass. Staff will assess the impact of this development on the proposed M/WBE-SBE program.



4. House Bill 467, *Breast Density Notification and Awareness*, passed the House on April 11, 2013. This bill was amended slightly on June 19, 2013, in the Senate Committee on Health. The bill was scheduled twice, and removed twice, from final consideration on the floor of the Senate on June 25, 2013 and June 27, 2013. It remains pending in the Senate.

### **New Laws this Session**

- SB211, Cities/Public Nuisance Notice is now SL 2013-151.  
This legislation provides that if a homeowner has three nuisance violations within the previous calendar year, the City will only need to notify the owner once, before entering the property to abate all nuisances on a repeated basis for the next calendar year.
- HB276, Zoning/Board of Adjustment Changes, is now SL 2013-126.  
This legislation clarifies policy and procedures for the Board of Adjustment. This will facilitate the granting of variances by the Board.
- HB125, Public Agency Computer Code not Public Record, is now SL 2013-96.  
This legislation protects proprietary computer software programs owned by governmental agencies from disclosure.
- HB120, Building Codes, Local Consistency, is now SL 2013-108.  
This legislation mandates more uniform building inspection procedures. Local inspectors may not require inspections in addition to those required by the NC Building Code without first obtaining approval from the NC Building Code Council.
- HB488, Regionalization of Local Utilities, is now SL 2013-50.  
This legislation transfers the City of Asheville Municipal Water System to the Regional Sewer Authority in Buncombe County. However, Asheville obtained an injunction to prevent the transfer.
- HB224, Asheville Annexation, is now SL 2013-30.  
This legislation eliminates the City of Asheville's right to annex involuntarily or to exercise ETJ authority.
- HB480, Environmental Permitting Reform, is now SL 2013-82.  
This legislation creates "fast-track" permitting for storm water management without local technical review. These rules shall be published by the Environmental Management Commission by July 1, 2016.
- HB892, No fiscal Note for Rule Repeal, is now SL 2013-149.  
This legislation eliminates the necessity for a costly "fiscal note" study to be completed by an Agency before it seeks to modify any existing rule. This will allow agencies of the State to more easily modify existing rules as needed or as directed by the Legislature.

- HB817, Strategic Transportation Investments, is now SL 2013-183.

This legislation reforms the manner 1.5 billion dollars annually of State and Federal highway funds are distributed. It eliminates the former 14 divisions of the state that received level funding. The legislation now emphasizes density of population and impact on the state's economy. This is understood to benefit urban areas and is expected to protect and possibly enhance funding for the Greensboro Urban Loop.

#### **Pertinent Legislation of Local Interest**

- HB 680, Jump-Start our Business Start-ups Act.

This legislation will permit "crowd funding" to enhance the ability of start up businesses in the state to raise investment capital. Prior to this legislation, businesses were strictly limited on the number of investors and the amount of investment these individuals could invest without complying with extensive Securities and Exchange regulations. This bill will allow a greater range of individuals to invest more easily in startup companies. This will promote the formation and growth of smaller businesses and spur job formation.

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cc: Mujeeb Shah-Khan, City Attorney



# Current Public Records Requests Update June 28, 2013

Date Requested	Requestor	Subject	Status
1/16/2013	Eric Ginsburg	Socialist request Email Search - 141,954	Four batches have been completed. (4/23/2013 & 5/24/13, 6/17/13, & 6/25/13) and made available to requestor. Staff continuing to review emails.
2/8/2013	Eric Ginsburg	Palestine, Candlelight Vigil, Gaza Email Search - 120,215	Four batches have been sent to the requestor (5/10/13, 5/17/13, 6/7/13, & 6/17/13. Staff is continuing to review emails.
3/26/2013	Bill Knight	Project Homestead Emails Email Search - 5,323	Legal has begun reviewing emails. Requestor has received three batches of emails (5/23/13, 5/31/13, & 6/27/13).
4/24/2013 (re-opened on 5/13/13)	Roch Smith	PIRT File	Closed on 5/10/13. Re-opened on 5/13/13 per requestor's notice that request not fulfilled. Staff currently reviewing requested information. First batch released 6/7/13.
4/29/2013	Roch Smith	Surveillance Camera Info	Due to City error, new date needed to fulfill request. Requestor notified of delay in process.
5/20/2013	Billy Jones	Communication for last 90 days (follow up to 2472)	Email search was completed and Legal reviewing emails. First batch of emails was sent to the requestor on 5/31/13.
5/21/2013	Eric Robert	Greenway Accounting	Requestor has received documents associated with this request. Staff conducted email search (5,082) and two batches of emails was released (6/12/13, 6/28/13).
5/28/2013	Roch Smith	PIRT 1946 Follow Up	Requestor provided additional records on 5/30/13. Waiting for legal staff to respond to close this request.
5/28/2013	Roch Smith	Employee Records Follow-up	Two batches have been sent to the requestor. Follow-up information will be sent as soon as available.
5/30/2013	Charles Cherry	Pending GPD Lawsuits	Initial documents were provided on 6/14/13. Legal is reviewing remaining documents.
6/10/2013	George Hartzman	Renaissance / Bessemer Shopping Center Email Search - 7,973	Documents have been provided. Email search has been conducted and staff is reviewing emails.
6/12/2013	Eric Robert	Noise Complaints & Correspondence and Communication Email Search - 637	Documents and audio have been provided to requestor. Email search has been conducted and staff is reviewing.



Date Requested	Requestor	Subject	Status
6/18/2013	Liz Crawford	City Cell Numbers	Staff has run initial report and needs to update it.
6/18/2013	Eric Ginsburg	Noise Calls	Staff requested clarification on request and has run email search.
6/18/2013	Roch Smith	Surveillance Records	Staff has responded to the request and is answering follow-up information as available.
6/17/2013	George Hartzman	Council Small Groups	Staff has received this request and reviewing it. Asked for clarification from requestor.
6/24/2013	George Hartzman	Documents & Communications Containing "Hartzman" Email Search - 2,365	Staff has received this request and ran email search.
6/25/2013	Alexandra Bennett	Calls for Service for 117 S. Elm Street	Staff has received this request and reviewing it.
6/26/2013	George Hartzman	Request for Community Meetings	Staff has received this request and reviewing it.
6/26/2013	Stephanie Mercer	Auto Accident Reconstruction Report	Staff has received this request and reviewing it.
6/27/2013	Lechelle Yates	Contact Center Calls & Emails	Staff has received this request and reviewing it.
6/28/2013	George Hartzman	Skip Alston COG Loans	Staff has received this request and reviewing it.
6/28/2013	George Hartzman	Privilege Licenses	Staff has received this request and reviewing it.

<b>Weekly Totals (6/24/13-6/28/13):</b>	
Number of PIRTS Opened	10
Number of PIRTS Closed	11
Average Completion Time	9.55 days
<b>Totals Since January 1, 2013:</b>	
Number of PIRTS Opened	369
Number of PIRTS Closed	346
Average Completion Time	8.23 days

**Public Affairs  
Contact Center Weekly Report  
Week of 6/17/13 – 6/23/13**

**Contact Center**

4387 calls answered this week

**Top 5 calls by area**

**Water Resources**

Balance Inquiry – 765  
IVR/Pay by Phone – 197  
New Sign Up – 150  
General Info – 120  
Cutoff Requests – 114

**Field Operations**

Bulk Guidelines – 105  
HHW/Transfer – 100  
E-waste - 58  
Mattress Go Round – 56  
Repair green can – 55

**All others**

Police/Watch Operations – 300  
Privilege License – 73  
Overgrown Lots – 67  
Employment services - 44  
Clerk of Court - 40

**Comments**

We received a total of 1 comment this week:

**Public Affairs - 1 comment:**

Received a voice message about the wait time in the Contact Center. Caller states he waited over 5 minutes for an agent, this is too long.

**Overall**

Call volume was a bit lower last week from the week before. The Contact Center received the normal mix of calls.